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# Loan Interests

## Drinking Water Applications Due

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### Application Deadline April 30

Is your municipality interested in obtaining a loan from the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2007? If so, you must submit an application to the Department postmarked no later than April 30. (Technically, this year the postmark can be on May 1 because April 30 falls on a Sunday.) Your municipality is eligible to apply for SFY 2007 SDWLP funds if each of your projects appears on the SFY 2007 Project Priority List (see Appendix). Two additional actions must occur on or before April 30:

- Your municipality must obtain DNR approval of an engineering report for each of the projects for which you intend to request funding.
- The DNR Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater must receive 3 copies of the plans and specifications for your project.

### Funding List

We will prepare a project funding list from the applications received and process the loans between July 1, 2006 and April 30, 2007. The SDWLP will likely have about 29 million dollars available for loans for SFY 2007. Although the SDWLP may not have enough funding to provide loans to all eligible applicants, we encourage you to submit your loan application by the deadline. The fundable range on the

final funding list depends on several factors, including project priority scores, populations of the applicants, and the cost of each project on the list.

### Priority Scores and Priority List

DNR scored projects based on Priority Evaluation and Ranking Forms (PERFs) submitted by the December 31, 2005 deadline. We updated median household income and population data on the PERFs we received in prior years, so projects that were on last year's list may have revised scores this year. The attached SFY 2007 Project Priority List indicates the project priority scores of all potentially eligible projects for which the SDWLP received valid Notice of Intent to Apply forms. We listed the projects by priority score in descending order.

### Small Systems < 10,000 Persons

You have a better chance of receiving funding if your system serves less than 10,000 persons, regardless of your project priority score. The SDWLP is required by statute to allocate at least 15% of available loan funds to systems serving less than 10,000 persons before allocating funds to any other project. We encourage you to apply if your system meets this population requirement.

### Some Applicants Must Re-Apply

If you submitted an application for funds last year (April 30, 2005 deadline) and will not close on an SDWLP loan by April 30, 2006, you need to submit an application for funding again this year if you are still interested in obtaining SDWLP funds.

### Loan Closings/PSC Rate Approvals

All SDWLP loans for the SFY 2007 funding cycle must close by April 30, 2007. This is a statutory requirement, and funds not used by that date will be released to fund other qualified

applicants. Because of previous experiences with having to delay SDWLP loan closings, we strongly encourage you to start the process of receiving PSC approval of your rates early in your process of obtaining funding for your projects. Some past applicants have lost their funding allocations because they were not able to complete the rate review process early enough to close a loan by the deadline.

#### Application Contents

Items required for a complete application are listed in s. NR 166.10(2), Wis. Adm. Code. Read our application contents web page (<http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/Guide/appsdw.htm>) and page 1 of the application form for more information about required application contents.

#### Where to Get Forms

You can download the SDWLP Financial Assistance Application #8700-262 (as well as other forms) from our website at (<http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/Forms/forms.html>), or you may request copies from Deb Olson at (608) 266-5889 or [debra.olson@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:debra.olson@dnr.state.wi.us).

#### Questions?

If you have questions regarding the SDWLP, contact Jeanne Cargill at 608-267-7587 or [jeanne.cargill@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:jeanne.cargill@dnr.state.wi.us). ☐

## Funding Sources Committee WRWA Conference

*Jerry Wilson*

Members of the Funding Sources Committee will be at the Wisconsin Rural Water Association (WRWA) Conference in Green Bay. The conference runs March 29–31, 2006, at the KI Center. Committee members will have the newly revised 2006–2007 Drinking Water and Wastewater Funding Sources booklet available at one or more booths. This booklet

summarizes loan and grant programs accessible by Wisconsin municipalities and individuals for the coming year. Some committee members will be on hand to talk about their individual programs and to discuss your specific local needs.

On Thursday, March 30, a breakout session titled Funding Sources Forum is on the schedule at 10:30 am. This presentation will include a brief walk-through of available programs, along with program changes for the coming year.



If you cannot attend but have questions for the Funding Sources Committee, contact Jerry Wilson at 608-264-8986 or [gerald.wilson@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:gerald.wilson@dnr.state.wi.us). You can also access the updated Drinking Water and Wastewater Funding Sources booklet on-line at (<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/Forms/sources.html>). ☐

## CWFP Hardship Financial Assistance Applications Due

*Jeanne Cargill*

#### Application Deadline:

The postmark deadline for Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) hardship financial assistance applications is June 30, 2006.

This deadline applies to you if you submitted a Notice of Intent to Apply (ITA) by December 31, 2005, and you want to receive hardship financial assistance in State Fiscal Year 2007 (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007).

Prior to submitting an application, your municipality must receive facilities plan

approval from the Department. If your facilities plan is not yet approved, please work with your DNR plan reviewer to be sure the plan can be approved prior to June 30.

In order to be considered complete, your application must contain approvable plans and specifications and other required documents. For a list of the required items, see our application contents web page at (<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/Guide/appcwf.htm>) or the checklist on page 1 of the application form.

## Calendar of Events

**March 29 - 31, 2006**

**Funding Sources Committee Members at Booth**  
**KI Convention Center**  
**Green Bay, WI**  
**WRWA Management Conference**

**March 30, 2006**

**Funding Sources Forum**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Breakout Room – TBD**  
**KI Convention Center**  
**Green Bay, WI**  
**WRWA Management Conference**

**April 12, 2006**

**NR 166 Rules Hearing**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Video Conference Locations**

**April 30, 2006**

**Postmark deadline**  
**SDWLP applications**

**June 30, 2006**

**Postmark deadline**  
**CWFP Hardship applications**

You can obtain a copy of the CWFPHardship Financial Assistance Application (Form 8700-203) from our forms web page (<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/FORMS/forms.html>), or by contacting Deb Olson at (608) 266-5889 or [debra.olson@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:debra.olson@dnr.state.wi.us).

For more information, contact Jeanne Cargill at (608) 267-7587 or [jeanne.cargill@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:jeanne.cargill@dnr.state.wi.us), or see our hardship financial assistance web pages (<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/Section/hardship.html>). ☐

## Public Hearing for NR 166 Revisions

*Jeanne Cargill*

The Department will hold a public hearing on April 12, 2006, to give the public an opportunity to comment on proposed changes to ch. NR 166, Wis. Adm. Code, which contains rules for administering the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP). The Department is proposing to repeal and recreate ch. NR 166 and to repeal chs. NR 127, NR 128 and NR 160, Wis. Adm. Code.

The Department will hold the hearing in various locations around the state via videoconferencing. The details for the hearing and a description of the rule revisions are included in the Notice of Public Hearing included in the Appendix of this issue of Loan Interests.

If you have questions regarding the NR 166 revisions, contact Jeanne Cargill at (608) 267-7587 or [jeanne.cargill@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:jeanne.cargill@dnr.state.wi.us). ☐



## Check for Current Forms!

*Jeanne Cargill*

We're just finishing up revisions to our MBE/WBE/SBRA forms to reflect the DBE solicitation policies defined in Loan Interests Issue No. 142 in November 2005. When you're getting ready to hire prime contractors or subcontractors for a project, please check the web for the most current version of the DBE forms (8700-294, MBE/WBE/SBRA Good Faith Certification and 8700-294A, MBE/WBE/SBRA Contacts Worksheet). These forms are for all Environmental Improvement Fund (EIF) programs--the Clean Water Fund Program, the Land Recycling Loan Program, and the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program.

Current forms for all EIF programs are available on the Environmental Loans website at <http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/FORMS/forms.html>. If you'd rather have us mail paper copies of the forms to you, contact Deb Olson at 608-266-5889 or [debra.olson@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:debra.olson@dnr.state.wi.us).

One other item to look for on our website is the recently updated Water & Wastewater Funding Sources book, which includes a Preliminary Inquiry Form designed to help municipalities determine which funding sources are best suited to assist with their projects. See our Funding Sources web page at <http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/FORMS/sources.html> for further information. ☐

## Spring Election Results

*Jeanne Cargill*

Please keep us informed! If you are in the process of obtaining a loan or already have a loan from the Clean Water Fund Program, Safe Drinking Water Loan Program, or Land Recycling Loan Program, and your municipality elects a new president, mayor, clerk or other municipal official this spring, please let us know as soon as possible.

We want to be sure we have the correct name, street address, phone number and e-mail address for the persons in your municipality with which we need to communicate. It is especially important that we get the correct information right away for municipal officials that will be signing Financial Assistance Agreements and bond documents for upcoming loan closings.

If you submitted a Notice of Intent to Apply or a Financial Assistance Application that included the name of an official that is no longer in office, we want to hear from you! Please contact your project manager or contact Deb Olson at (608) 266-5889 or [debra.olson@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:debra.olson@dnr.state.wi.us). ☐



# LRLP News

*Maureen Hubeler*

## ITAs

The Land Recycling Loan Program (LRLP) received 3 Notices of Intent to Apply by the December 31, 2005 deadline. The total amount requested for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2007 is \$5,221,500. At this time, the LRLP has \$3,560,934 available to allocate to these projects.

The LRLP project priority list for SFY 007 is shown below.

## SFY 07 Application Deadlines

To obtain LRLP funds in SFY 2007, these municipalities must submit their financial assistance applications by either the August 1, 2006 or the October 2, 2006 deadline. We will publish a funding list after we process the October 2, 2006 deadline.

## For more information

If you have questions regarding the LRLP, contact Maureen Hubeler at 608-266-0849 or [maureen.hubeler@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:maureen.hubeler@dnr.state.wi.us). ☐

## LRLP Project Priority List for SFY 07

Municipality	Amount	PERF Score
New Richmond, City of	3,850,000	46.620
Manitowoc, City of	671,500	31.546
Cottage Grove, Town of	700,000	18.641
Total Requested	\$ 5,221,500	